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SUBJ: DEA EXECUTIVE PROGRAM FOR BORDER PATROL POLICE OFFICIALS

HQS PASS OLIVANTI/TR FROM ADDARIO

SECSTATE PASS M. WAMPLER, A/AID; J. ZEROLIS, EA/RA; J.

RAFFERTY, S/SNM; F. CRAIG, OPS/TD

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1. REFTEL BROUGHT UP SEVERAL QUESTIONS WHICH WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE THAI NARCOTIC SUPPRESSION CENTER DECIDED TO SEND COLONELS WICHAI AND KUSON NARKSRICHUM IN PLACE OF PHIMON. THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED THE FUNDS FOR THE COLONELS' INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. COLONEL WICHAI IS THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF REGION NO. 4, BORDER PATROL POLICE, ON THE THAI/MALAYSIAN BORDER. COLONEL KUSON IS THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE CRIME SUPPRESSION DIVISION AND IS THE CHIEF OF THE SPECIAL NARCOTICS OPERATIONS (SNO).

2. THE THAI GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN ONE MONTH. THEY FEEL THAT ONE MONTH IS THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME NECESSARY TO JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE REQUESTED A FOUR-WEEK SCHEDULE. THE WEEK THAT WE REFERRED TO AS "UNSCHEDULED" WAS, IN FACT, WANTED BY THE COLONELS

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FOR TRAINING AT FT. BRAGG IN CLEARING HELICOPTER

LANDING SITES, A NECESSARY SKILL USED IN OPIUM CONVOY
INTERDICTION.

3. IT WAS MENTIONED BY USOM THAT MRS. DOROTHY SU,
FORMERLY OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WHO IS NOW WORKING IN OUR
TRAINING SECTION, HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN
SCHEDULING THIS KING OF PROGRAM.

4. A DEA ESCORT CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE
BANGKOK REGIONAL OFFICE AT THIS TIME DUE TO A LACK OF
MANPOWER.

5. A TRANSLATOR IS NOT CRITICAL AS ALL THREE COLONELS
(ESPECIALLY PAIROTE) SPEAK ENGLISH.

6. BIO DATA FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AS YET.
THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO FORWARD THEM TO US ASAP.
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